



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/776,872  
Applicant: Bao HA, et al.  
Filed: February 10, 2004  
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Examiner: Unknown  
Title: METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR INTEGRATION OF A BLAST FURNACE AND AN AIR SEPARATION UNIT  
Attorney Docket: Serie 5545 (53b)  
Customer No.: 40582

Commissioner for Patents  
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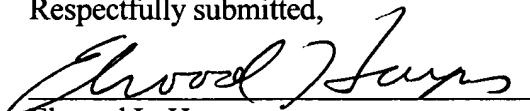
**PETITION AND FEE FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))**

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request a 1 month extension of time until December 22, 2005, in which to respond to the outstanding Notice to File Missing Parts dated May 16, 2005, for the above-identified application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-1375 the fee of \$120.00 for obtaining this extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-1375. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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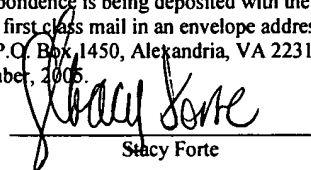
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